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the Diversified Field of Numismatic

BY KAZUMA OYAMA



Prices of U.S. coins scare you? When I first started collecting coins I started with foreign coins. This was a logical start for me because I had accumulated some coins and paper money from Europe and Asia during my travels, courtesy of Uncle Sam, as a soldier and civil service worker. Also, the foreign coins had a variety of attractive designs. Then gradually most of the new issue foreign coins were promoted out of my price range with atrocious face values and prices and I discovered elongated (rolled) coins, wooden nickles and tokens of all sorts—amusement, transportation, parking, tax, etc. These remain comparatively inexpensive.

The Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog by Medcalf & Russell lists some interesting elongateds. Not listed is the elongated with the Lord's Prayer that was rolled in several major cities during World War II. There are several versions of this. Before the National Parks Service took control of the Pearl Harbor Arizona Memorial a few years ago, Lennis Schneider had a roller operation there that during a span of several years cranked out Arizona Memorial elongateds of several minor varieties. He sold these to tourists (and locals like me) for 25¢ each. Schneider had a hand-cranked roller out near where the people waited in line to ride the boat to the U.S.S. Arizona. He also had an electric motorized rolled in a shack nearby in which an employee cranked out most of the elongateds.

The wooden nickels have been issued for various purposes by clubs, businesses, politicians and even individuals to announce births, birthdays, weddings, etc. The Hawaii State Numismatic Association and the Honolulu Coin Club have been issuing attractive wooden tokens for the past several years. Other coin clubs on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island (Hawaii) have issued wooden tokens in the past. A variety of interesting wooden tokens are listed in the same catalog mentioned in the previous paragraph.

Among Hawaii's amusement tokens are those of Fernandez Fun Factory, Castle Park, The Plaza Center, Mililani Skate Palace and Maui Skate Palace.

All the known Hawaii transportation tokens are listed in the Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog as well as in the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue of United States and Canadian Transportation

Tokens sold by the American Vecturist Association. Most common of all the Hawaii transportation tokens are those that were issued by the City & County of Honolulu and now operates under a company known as MTL Inc. It's cash fare only (or passes) with the only semblance to the old being the transfer tickets issued to cash customers. Other transportation tokens used on Oahu were those issued by the Pearl Harbor Drivers Association and Rosecrans U Drive Ltd. Kauai had the Nawiliwili Transportation Co. token and Maui the Kahului Railroad Co. tokens. The Big Island used tokens issued by the Waiakea Mill Co. of Hilo, Hawaii Bus Association and Transilux Ltd.

The only parking tokens used locally that I am aware of are those of Diamond Parking which, according, to Feisel's Catalogue of Parking Tokens of the World, second edition 1973, "is a large scale parking operation which is headquartered in Seattle." The tokens were of several designs and interchangeably used in Washington, Oregon and Hawaii. There is a Thomas Trade Center token listed as TC-82 in Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog that may qualify as a parking token. These tokens were given to customers by some of the businesses in the Trade Center which was located across Dillingham Blvd. from the Honolulu Community College. The token was accepted in lieu of cash to pay the parking fee at the Center's parking lot.

The tax tokens were mostly issued during the 1930-1940 period by only a few of the States. As stated on the tokens there were issued for various purposes as Sales Tax, Luxury Tax, Emergency Relief Fund, Ration (OPA), etc. The tax rates were in units of less than one cent so the tokens were necessary to facilitate accepting and giving change for the proper amount of tax. The red and blue tokens issued by the Office of Price Administration (OPA) during the rationing days of World War II were valued in "points." Hawaii was exempted from many types of rationing imposed on citizens of the 48 states. To my knowledge the only rations that Hawaii residents were subject to during World War II were for gasoline and liquor. To date I have been able to find a few unused gasoline ration coupons—but none for liquor! Among my souvenirs I have a shoe ration coupon issued to me at Camp Blanding, Florida on my way home from Italy.

All of the above special categories of numismatics have national organizations as follows: Wooden Tokens—International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors (IOWMC) and the Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors; Elongated or Rolled Coins—The Elongated Collectors (TEC); Tax Tokens—American Tax Token Society (ATTS); Transportation and Parking Tokens—American Vecturist Association (AVA); All Medals and Tokens—Tokens and Medals Society (TAMS).

Rare Seals of the Tropics

BY
CHARLES MATSUDA



In the Northwestern Pacific of the eight Hawaiian Islands chain, there is an isolated group of small islands, which are also a part of the Hawaiian Archipelago that extends about 1200 miles from the Northern tip of the Island of Kauai to Midway and Kure Island. These islands are known as the Wildlife Sanctuary for colonies of millions of seabirds, marine turtles and monk seals.

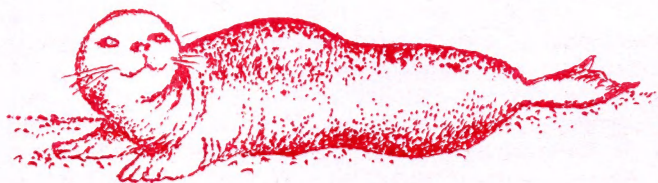
The seabirds lay eggs and raise their young and the sea turtles also crawl from the ocean and deposit eggs in the nests on the warm, white sand beaches. The rare monk seal is among the only two species of seals found in Hawaii and the Mediterranean. They are the only seals known to breed in tropical and subtropical weather.

The Hawaii State Numismatic Association's fifth wooden token of the series on Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife is featured with the Hawaiian monk seal on the obverse of the token.

A native of Hawaii, known as Ilio Holo I Kauaua, the Hawaiian monk seal hauls out on the beaches in the spring and mid-summer giving birth to a single black pup, feeding it with rich white milk. During the nursing period, the mother does not go back to the sea in search of food, but stays continually with her offspring. When the pup is a few days old, the mother takes the young seal for its first swim in the shallows away from her arch enemy, Mako the shark. The pup's black coat soon changes to silver gray as the seal grows rapidly from the continuous supply of the mother's rich milk. Then one day, the young seal suddenly departs to the sea as it becomes a young adult.

The reverse of the wood is pictured with a flower known as the Ilima. A native plant of Hawaii, the Ilima belongs to the Hibiscus family. The flower grows wild in a shrub in dry places or cultivated gardens. The color of the Ilima is pale light orange with small green leaves. These flowers make nice leis when they are strung up by threading them through the center. The Ilima is known as the flower of the Island of Oahu.

If you are interested in ordering the wood, send 25¢ plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COIN CLUBS OF HAWAII

"BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB"

Aug 89 — Don Nigro displayed Susan B. Anthony dollars and talked about "My Least Favorite Coin." 29 members and guests were present. An auction and some great door prizes highlighted the evening. Rick Howsley was appointed to chair the special 25th anniversary dinner of the Club in October 1989.

Sep 89 — V.P. Rick Howsley took over the Presidency of the Club following Don Nigro's resignation. Harold Wataiabe was elected Vice Pres. The Club will have a coin show on Sunday, 15 Oct. 1989 at Fiasco's Restaurant in Hilo. Walt Southward is bourse chairman. A 25th anniversary medal will be available to members at the October meeting.

"HONOLULU COIN CLUB"

July 89 — New officers were elected for the Club:

President	— G. Hunt
Vice Pres.	— G. Yokoyama
Secretary	— M. Kendrick
Treasurer	— C. Matsuda
Sgt-at-Arms	— L. Niau
Board of Directors	— D. Garrett, E. Hamano, F. Loo, W. Pukini, C. Saito, W.K. Young.

Present at the meeting were over 33 adults and 8 juniors. An auction and door prizes followed.

Susanna Hunt gave the 39 plus adults and 7 junior members a talk on her recent trip to ANA in Colorado as Hawaii's (first) winner of the Young Numismatist Scholarship award. An auction and door prizes followed.

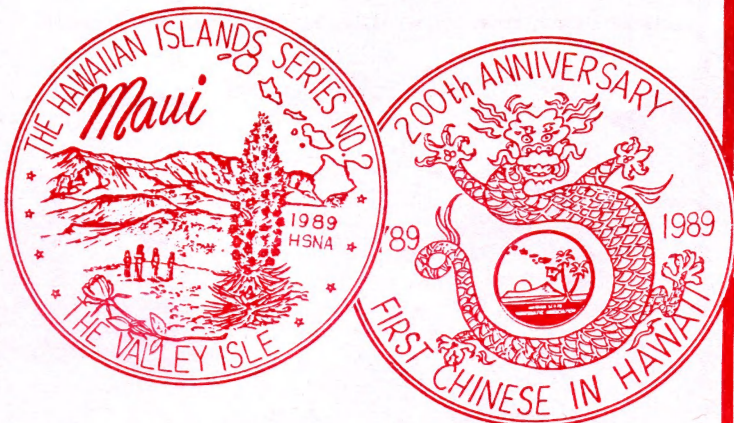
Aug 89 — HCC Statehood Coin Show preparations were discussed. Present were over 36 adults and 5 juniors. An auction and door prizes concluded this meeting.

Report on the Statehood Day Coin Show was given by Treasurer, C. Matsuda. Over 300 were in attendance that day (19 Aug 89). This is very good, considering all the other activities that were going on.

Sep 89 — Due to a (change) mixup, HCC had to meet at another location for the 2nd Wednesday meeting. Very little business was done.

HSNA medals will be available at our October meetings. A letter from the University of Hawaii at Manoa Library requested all available (past and future) issues of our newspaper. Present were 31 adults and 5 junior members. An auction and door prizes followed.

Maui, the Second Series of HSNA Medals



BY CHARLES MATSUDA

There are many folk-lore stories about Maui. According to one legend, Maui's mother, Hina-a-ke-ahi or Hina-of-the-fire, could not dry the tapa because the sun moved too quickly above the heavens. Maui went to Ha-le-a-ka-la, the House of the Sun, snaring the sun with a lasso, slowing it down.

Maui is the second largest island in the Hawaiian Chain. The Hawaii State Numismatic Association's second series medal will be on the Island of Maui. Known to all as the "Valley Island," because of its mountainous land, filled with beautiful flowing valleys from the east to the west region of Maui. The obverse of the medal features the summit of Ha-le-a-ka-la, with hikers getting ready for an exciting journey to explore its crater. The island's native flower, the Silversword, a member of the sunflower family, is seen in the foreground. The flower of the Island of Maui is the Lo-ke-lani, a small reddish-pink rose which is on the lower bottom of the medal. A visit to Maui can be a great adventure as many people would call it, Maui no-ka-oi, meaning Maui is the Best. The reverse of the medal celebrates the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of the Chinese to Hawaii in 1789, just shortly after the islands were discovered by Captain James Cook.

They brought to Hawaii many of their different cultures from the far east, including their religion, dances and exotic foods. The dragon was used as a symbol of good luck from their dances, with the HSNA logo representing Hawaii with Diamond Head and palm trees. Many of the Chinese coins have dragons on the reverse.

The medals will be struck in .999 fine silver and bronze, 39mm round. They will be numbered with a limited amount of 200 made.

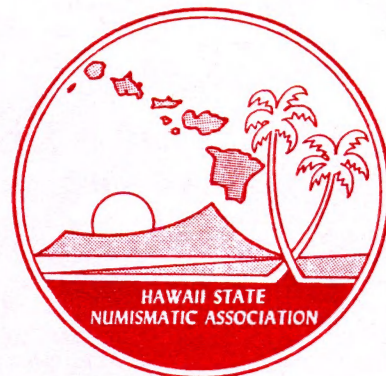


HAVE FUN!

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HSNA Special Medal

BY M. F. KENDRICK



As our 25th anniversary of HSNA comes to an end, it is most appropriate to mention the special member's medal issued for this event. Only one hundred numbered silver pieces were struck to commemorate this milestone in the history of HSNA. It will be many more years before another special issue is done. Many ideas and thoughts went into the design of it. The most prevalent idea was to keep it simple. It was decided to use the reverse of last year's HSNA medal which featured Chinaman's Hat and the flowers (anthuriums). For the opposite side, the new logo would be most suited. The description of the logo in our 25th anniversary souvenir program says it all.

Aloha and Mahalo.

Honolulu Coin Club

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Christmas Party



(DECEMBER)

SATURDAY
PŌ'AŌNO

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The Honolulu Coin Club will hold their annual Christmas Party for members and their guest at the Bellow's Recreation Center. A road map will be provided on the reverse of each dinner ticket for those who want to attend

Cost of dinner:

\$14.00 per adult

8.00 per child

Time: 6:00 p.m.

FUN! GAMES!

Lots of prizes!

Happy Holiday!!

ANA SUMMER SEMINAR '89:

**AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME
BY SUSANNA HUNT**

(Junior Member of the Honolulu Coin Club)

Arriving in Colorado Springs on Saturday, July 8th, Judy Padgett, Seminar Director, was there to greet me. My two colleagues and I were then dashed off to ANA Headquarters. A few other young numismatists (about my age) were there. We all got acquainted and went out for pizza, ice cream, and a movie. At the end of the day, something finally dawned on me, that I was the only girl there!

I found that not to be a problem, in fact, it was quite an asset. Classes began the following Monday and I was enrolled in the "Ancient Coins" class taught by Bob Hoge, the ANA museum curator. Rumors had it that this was the most difficult class to take with an immense of homework involved. Those rumors turned out to be very true. By the end of the week, I had done three written reports, an oral report and identified four one-sided plaster casts, using my wit along with the various catalogs available in the ANA's vast museum.

After those long days (8:30-4:30), there was much to look forward to. On Monday, I went on a tour with other numismatists to Pike's Peak, via bus and cog railway. At the 14,110 ft. summit, I experienced falling snow for the first time. Tuesday was Young Numismatists (YN) night and the planned activity was miniature golf and pizza that followed. Despite the predictions, former ANA President, Stephen Taylor, underscored everyone. I, too, surprised my make colleagues by beating them and was accused of being a member of the Hawaiian Pro Golf Tour. Wednesday was a free day in which we were allotted a few options, a tour of Cripple Creek or the Denver Mint, attending a variety of seminars held on the Colorado College campus (which we stayed at), or going sight-seeing. I chose the latter of the events, and took a tour with a fellow New Yorker, Paul D'Arcy, of the U.S. Olympic Training Center. While we were there, somehow we were mistaken for being Olympic athletes. Thursday night was the annual ANA book sale and at the urging of my friend, Paul, I was the 5th person in line for the sale. Before the book sale opened at 6:00, there were over 75 people waiting in line behind me. At the sale, I picked up a few books for my dad, a book for myself, and two or three grading sheets of smaller U.S. coins for the Junior Club. The rest of the night was spent in my dorm room doing my reports, using photocopied pages of ANA books. With a little help from my intelligent friend from Kansas, Scott Rottinghaus (Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year 1988), I successfully completed my work.

On Friday afternoon our "Ancients" Class took a little test to identify counterfeit ancient coins and out of 25, I only got 4 wrong (the best score in the class). One of my classmates said, "I'll consult with you before buying my coins." In the evening, graduation ceremonies were held with dinner and concluded with a melodrama. A melancholy way to end one of the best weeks of my life.

Even though this year's seminar is finished, I still keep in touch with my new friends, Scott and Greg Lyon. I often find myself a better and more knowledgeable person because of the seminars. I only hope that I will have the chance to return to the seminars one day and I would recommend any numismatist who is serious about learning more about their hobby to attend also.

Last, but not least, I want to send a special mahalo to Helen Carmody, our District Representative, for influencing and encouraging me to apply for the ANA Scholarship. Finally, I send thanks to the HSNA and Honolulu Coin Club for their continuing support.



HCC Junior's New Wooden Token

The Honolulu Coin Club's junior members conducted another wooden token designing contest. The token was to honor their second year in the HCC. The chosen winners were juniors, Susanna Hunt on the obverse side of the wood. Her illustration was on a volcanic eruption, a sunrise and wording "Reaching out to the youth of Hawaii." The reverse was done by Dannie Garrett, illustration of a snake with the year of the snake. Both youths were also winners of last year's contest. The finalized illustration was done with the help of artist Mary Abing, a medical illustrator at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii.

The Honolulu Coin Club 35th Anniversary



The Honolulu Coin Club will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary in 1990. A special medal will be struck commemorating the club. So, join us.



GOLD...



**the
ROYAL HAWAIIAN MINT
BY BERNARD VON NOTHAUS**

Honolulu: An increasing number of coin dealers are hailing the 1989 issue of Royal Hawaiian Gold as America's replacement of the Chinese Gold Panda that has swept through the world coin market in recent years. Many collectors are now shunning the popular gold coin because of the recent political events in China. A similar reaction to South Africa's racial policies turned off potential buyers of the Krugerrand in the early 1980's.

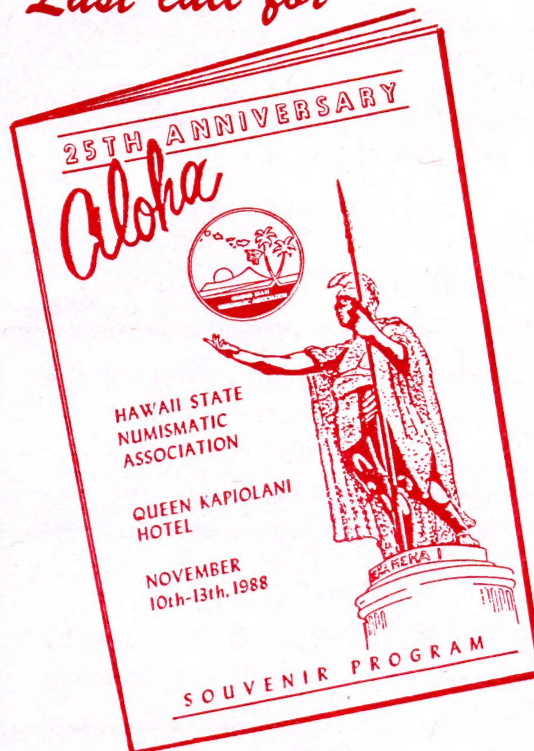
There has been an unusually low number of new issues during 1989. This has helped make Royal Hawaiian Gold even more conspicuous in the world coin market. "We're getting phone calls from coin dealers all over the United States," says Bernard von NotHaus, Mintmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Mint in Honolulu, which issues the set of five gold crowns that range in size from the 1 ounce to the 1/20 ounce. "Recently we've been in contact with Japan and other Asian countries. A lot of people are looking for a pure gold alternative to the Chinese Panda." One of the reasons for Royal Hawaiian Gold's sudden popularity among world collectors is that the 1989 issue is limited to only 400 sets. . . and as of September 1st, some 375 sets were already subscribed. This aspect of the issue has created an important secondary market for the issue because many collectors that want to purchase Royal Hawaiian Gold will soon find that they have been "closed out."

The importance of the secondary market cannot be underestimated," said von NotHaus. "Last year, we did some trial strikes in preparation for this issue. When we offered them to our long time customers, the trial strikes were snapped up. We ran two ads in trade papers in January to sell the remaining sets and they were gone within a few weeks.

The 1989 issue of Royal Hawaiian Gold is likely to fare even better because some major dealers are getting involved, according to von NotHaus. Leon Hendrickson of Silver Towne, Kurt Krueger, and Lewis Revels of Chattanooga Coins are currently handling the issue.

"But it is DEAK International who's really excited about the issue. They have been a part of the program from the beginning and are the first to offer a two-way market," said von NotHaus. "Several other companies that can open new distribution channels for us in the European Common Market have also contacted us, but these distribution channels will be for future issues. There won't be any 1989 Royal Hawaiian Gold sets left to distribute in another few weeks," said von NotHaus. For more information, please contact your coin dealer or Bernard von NotHaus, Mintmaster, Royal Hawaiian Mint, P.O. Box 900, Honolulu, Hawaii 96808. Or call collect (808) 833-6468.

Last call for



**the
Souvenir booklets**

This souvenir program is one of the few publications on Hawaiian numismatics. The program can be ordered by mail for \$2.50 postpaid from the Hawaii State Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 477, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809.

BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

**Meeting are held on the first Thursday
each month at 7 p.m. at the YMCA,
300 Lanikaula Street, in Hilo.**



Honolulu Coin Club

The Honolulu Coin Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Susannah Wesley Community Center at 1117 Kaili Street, 7:30 p.m. Gregory Hunt, president.



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